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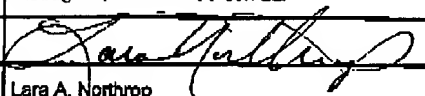
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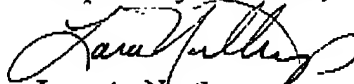
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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 13, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse to prosecute Invention I claims 1-11, drawn to the apparatus.

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Respectfully submitted,



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